

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

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For: METHOD OF AND APPARATUS
FOR MAKING ROD-LIKE
FILLERS FOR SMOKERS'
PRODUCTS

Customer No.



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Preliminary Amendment

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please amend claim 4 to read as follows:

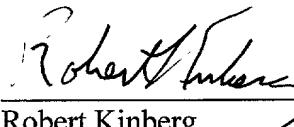
4. (Amended) The method of claim 3, wherein said advancing step includes moving lengthwise a stream consisting of long tobacco particles, said admitting step including applying batches of short particles at least substantially centrally of said stream.

REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment is made to formally enter the handwritten changes to claim 4 made by the inventors prior to signing the inventor Declaration attached to the application. A marked up version showing the changes made to the claims is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

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MARKED UP VERSION OF THE CLAIM

4. (Amended) The method of claim 3, wherein said advancing step includes moving lengthwise a stream consisting of long tobacco particles [and having two spaced apart marginal portions], said admitting step including applying [to one side of the stream] batches of short particles [in spaced apart positions from at least one marginal portion] at least substantially centrally of said stream.

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